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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Assistance in Assembling Middle East
Reference Materials

1. President Nixon's recent public articulation of his intention of turning to the unresolved Middle East conflict after the Vietnam problem is laid to rest foreshadows a possible demand upon the Agency by the White House for certain types of support, if and when a new Middle East negotiating effort is launched.

2. The collection and retention in readily accessible form of documentary literature relating to previous negotiating efforts, and of other research material with possible relevance to peace negotiations, is an important specific form of such support which we are likely to be asked to provide, quite possibly on very short notice. Many of these documents would have relevance to new negotiations, and some of them would probably be indispensable for reference and background purposes in the course of new negotiations. As will be seen from the attachment, listing categories of documents which we should be prepared to provide, the assembling of this material will require some time and effort.

3. I would like you to arrange, therefore, on a priority basis, for all necessary assistance by appropriate DDI components on this task. The collection process should be initiated now, and should be completed as rapidly as possible. It should be closely coordinated with Mr. [REDACTED] Chief, Near East and South Asia Division. As it is probable that much of the support which we may be asked to provide will take place in foreign areas, I have designated Mr. [REDACTED] as my principal coordinator for the overall support effort.

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4. We must ensure that our effort to meet this contingency need does not itself stimulate any rumor or speculation about the intentions of the United States Government in this regard. It is,

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therefore, essential that the search for these documents be confined, at this stage at least, to the Agency itself, and not be extended to any other United States Government department or agency. It is equally imperative that the effort be very tightly held within our own Agency, with only a minimal number of employees involved in the collection process, and only yourself and a designated representative aware of the purpose of the collection.

5. Your designated representative for this matter should work in close coordination with [REDACTED] the designated representative of Mr. [REDACTED] Materials collected by DDI in coordination with Mr. [REDACTED] should be given to Mr. [REDACTED] for retention and disposition.

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Attachment - 1

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ATTACHMENT

Categories of Pertinent Material, Published and Classified

I. United Nations Documents relating to Arab-Israeli conflict and to efforts to achieve a settlement.

- a. UN Resolution 242 of November 1967
- b. All Security Council Resolutions since June 1967
- c. All General Assembly Resolutions since June 1967
- d. United Nations Documents relating to the creation of Israel in 1948
- e. United Nations documents relating to Ralph Bunche's Rhodes Talks in 1949
- f. All reports or documents issued by Dr. Gunnar Jarring since his appointment as Special Representative of the Secretary General.
- g. Dr. Jarring's simultaneous notes to Egypt and to Israel in February 1971 and the replies of both governments.

II. International Agreements

- a. Text of the Treaty of Constantinople of 1889 relating to the Suez Canal
- b. Text of the Khartoum Agreement of Arab States in 1968
- c. U.S.-Egyptian-Israeli ceasefire-standstill agreement of August 1970

III. United States Government Documents

- a. U.S. paper to Egypt of October 1969
- b. U.S. paper to Jordan of December 1969
- c. Secretary Rogers Speech of 9 December 1969
- d. All U.S. public statements relating to the Rogers Plan
- e. USG private communications to the Egyptian and Israeli governments concerning the Rogers Plan.

IV. Foreign Documents

- a. The more significant documents or communiques issued by the governments of Israel, of Egypt, of other Arab states, of Great Britain, and of the Soviet Union pertaining to the Middle East problem to the outbreak of the Seven Days War in 1967, and to peace efforts
- b. Speeches of President Sadat of Egypt

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V. Agency Publications

ONE and OCI studies and publications since June 1967
on the Middle East conflict

VI. Classified USG and published overt scholarly material on the
following subjects:

- a. History of border delineation of Sinai, Jordan, Syria
and Lebanon
- b. Comparative military studies on Israel and the Arab
states
- c. The Palestinian refugee problem
- d. Economic studies of Israel and the Arab states